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PSC Adds Hearing Dates In AmerenUE Case

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has added February 24-25, 2005, to the hearing schedule in a case filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE seeking Commission authority to provide electric service to the aluminum smelting plant operated by Noranda Aluminum, Inc. in New Madrid County. AmerenUE states that this would be an extension of its existing service area and system. **Hearings will begin, as originally scheduled, on February 22-23, 2005.**

The hearings will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. Hearings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 am. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If a person needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial 711 for Relay Missouri prior to the hearings.

According to the application, Noranda's current power supply contract expires on May 31, 2005, and Noranda is seeking a new power supply source. AmerenUE and Noranda propose to enter into a 15-year power supply agreement whereby AmerenUE would supply power to Noranda over existing facilities. The service area extension sought by AmerenUE encompasses Noranda's premises and Noranda is the sole landowner in the area for which certification is sought.

The Commission expects to reach a decision in this case by March 17, 2005.

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Case No. EA-2005-0180